GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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Adulteration of Petrol/Diesel
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the incidents of under measurement and adulteration of petrol/diesel by various petrol pumps have been noticed by the Government during the last three years and the current year;
(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of complaints against the petrol pumps/persons involved received by the Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) and the punitive action including cancellation of their licenses, taken against them, OMC/State/UT-wise including Jharkhand; and
(c) the steps taken by the Government to launch regular drives/surprise checks at national level to curb such malpractices and ensure efficient service to customers by various petrol pumps in the country during the said period, OMC/State/UT-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)
(a)& (b) : During the last three years and current year Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) namely, Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) have detected malpractices including under-measurement and adulteration at their retail outlets in the country. As per available data, State/OMC-wise detail of cases of under-measurement and adulteration detected at retail outlets during the last three years and current year (April-September, 2015) are annexed as Annexure-I.
In case of proven cases of under-measurement and adulteration, there is provision to cancel the license in the Marketing Discipline Guidelines (MDG)/Dealership Agreement. OMCs have terminated 168 retail outlets for such irregularities during the last three years and current year (April − September, 2015). State/OMC-wise detail for the said period is annexed as Annexure-II.
(c) : Public Sector OMCs undertake regular and surprise inspection of Retail Outlets and take action under the provisions MDG and Dealership Agreements against the outlets found indulging in irregularities/malpractices. The MDG provides for termination of outlets in the first instance for serious malpractices and graded penalties for other malpractices/irregularities. The Motor Spirit and High Speed Diesel (Regulation of Supply, Distribution and Prevention of Malpractices) Order, 2005 issued by the Central Government under Essential Commodities Act, 1955 provides for punitive action also against malpractices such as adulteration. Several initiatives to prevent irregularities in Retail Outlets have been taken that include Automation of Retail Outlets, Third Party Certification
of Retail outlets and Monitoring of movement of tank trucks through Global Positioning System (GPS). State/OMC-wise detail of inspections carried out at Retail Outlets during last three years and current year up to September, 2015 is annexed as Annexure-III.
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